

Looking to the Future

STMA in Action

Sports Turf Managers Association recognizes that the future of this industry lies in the education, dedication, and commitment of outstanding students. The association and its supporters issued six scholarships at the 10th Annual STMA Conference and Exhibition in January to invest in this promising future.

The \$500 Dr. Fred Grau Scholarship was instituted in 1997 to honor students in two-year technical programs or community colleges. This year's recipient, **Jeffrey Limburg**, is a sophomore majoring in sports and commercial turf management at Michigan State University.

The association awarded two \$750 scholarships to undergraduate students in four-year college or university programs. **Chad Follis**, a senior

majoring in general agriculture / turfgrass at the University of Missouri-Columbia, took home one of the awards. The other was presented to **Marshall Jennings**, a senior majoring in plant and soil science / golf and sports turf at Mississippi State University. A \$1,000 award was presented to **Stacy Bonos**, a graduate student pursuing her Ph.D. in plant biology / turfgrass science at Rutgers University.

The Toro Company has established two scholarships in the name of longtime green industry researcher and consultant, Dr. James R. Watson. Undergraduate **Sarah K. Martin**, a senior majoring in landscape horticulture / turfgrass management at Colorado State University, accepted a \$1,000 award. A \$1,500 scholarship was issued to **John Sorochan**, who is

currently serving as a graduate assistant while pursuing his masters degree in sports turf research / plant physiology at Michigan State University.

Funding for the STMA scholarships comes from the membership through participation in the raffle and the silent and live auctions at the association's Annual Conference every January. The scholarship fund also benefits from special contributions. In addition to the monetary award, the STMA, Fred Grau, and Dr. James R. Watson scholarship recipients receive full registration to the STMA Conference, and up to \$500 toward expenses.

Chapter news

Florida Chapter #1: The Florida Chapter is planning an Apr. 20 meeting at Palm Beach Gardens. The focus

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Wisconsin Chapter: The Wisconsin Chapter will hold its spring meeting, a ballfield maintenance seminar with Floyd Perry, Apr. 22 in Wausau.

The chapter will participate in the Wisconsin Turfgrass Association's Summer Field Day at the O. J. Noer Facility Aug. 10.

For more information, contact Rich Riggs, R. H. Rettler & Associates, Inc.: (715) 341-2633.

So-Cal Chapter: The Southern California Chapter will be hosting its Season Opener event at San Diego's Qualcomm Park Apr. 24 at 2 pm. There will be a stadium tour, a tailgate party, and admission to the San Diego Padres game.

For information, contact the chapter hotline: (888) 578-STMA.

Colorado Chapter: CSTMA will hold a baseball seminar May 4 at the Auraria Higher Education Center's Metropolitan State College baseball field, the STMA / BeamClay / *sportsTURF* 1998 College Baseball Diamond of the Year.

Three more educational seminars

are being planned, one each in June, July, and September.

CSTMA's annual golf tournament, the Lawnmower Man Open, will be held in late July, with an afternoon shotgun start.

For information, call the **NEW** CSTMA hotline: (303) 346-8954.

Iowa Chapter: ISTMA will hold a workshop May 5 at St. Albert's High School in Council Bluffs. Sessions open at 9 am. The morning will be devoted to baseball and softball; the afternoon to football and soccer.

Sat., Jun. 5, ISTMA will meet from 1-4:30 pm in Hawarden. The meeting will focus on baseball field repair.

A Seminar on Wheels will be held in the Ames area Jun. 23. Sites on the tour include Iowa State University, Ames High School, Reiman Gardens, and an Ames Soccer Complex.

For information, contact Lori Westrum at the Turf Office: (515) 232-8222, or fax: (515) 232-8228.

North Texas Chapter: The chapter is planning a field day / golf outing May 20 in Flower Mound, TX. More details will be announced soon.

For information, contact Rene Aspiron, Diamond Pro: (800) 228-2987; or Tom Welch, CSM, Central Garden

and Pet: (800) 788-9581.

MAFMO Chapter: The Mid-Atlantic Field Managers Organization will hold a Back to Basics field day 9 am-2:30 pm May 5 at Blair High School in Silver Spring, MD. That evening, the chapter will hold a dinner meeting at 6:00 pm at Fred & Harry's.

For information, call the hotline: (410) 290-5652.

Nor-Cal Chapter: The Northern California Chapter has elected its 1999 Board:

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KAFMO Chapter: The Keystone Athletic Field Managers Organization will hold a grounds seminar at Hershey Stadium Sat., Jun. 19. Morning educational sessions will include presentations by Bob Hummer of Hummer Turfgrass Systems; John Tshudy, director of buildings and grounds for Hershey Park; and Steve LeGros, superintendent of Hershey Stadium.

To help make this a family day, the chapter has put together a package that includes full-day reduced admission to Hershey Park, and admission to the Hershey Wildcats soccer game.

For information, contact Dan Douglas, Reading Phillies Baseball Club: (610) 375-8469, ext. 212.

Tennessee Valley Chapter: TVSTMA will hold a workshop Jun. 23 at the University of Tennessee. For information on this event, contact Bob Campbell: (423) 974-2977, or call the contacts that follow.

For general information, contact Tom McAfee, Nashville Sounds: (615)

242-4371; or Bill Marbet, Southern Athletic Fields, Inc.: (931) 380-0023.

Mid-South Chapter: A joint meeting this spring between the Mid-South Chapter and the new TVSTMA Chapter is in the planning stages. The date and a mid-state location will be announced soon.

For information, contact Jim Calhoun: (901) 755-1305, or Robert Bodi: (901) 383-2414.

Great Lakes Chapter: GLSTMA has two events in the planning stages: a tentatively planned workshop with the Cleveland Browns (date TBA); and an athletic field day and workshop at Ohio State University Jul. 7.

For information, contact Joe Zelinko: (800) 897-9714, or Boyd Montgomery: (419) 885-1982, or visit the chapter website: <http://members.tripod.com/~glstma>.

Indiana Chapter: The chapter has appointed program, membership, finance, and public relations committees. Plans are progressing for three meetings; details will be announced soon.

For information, contact Terry Updike, B & B Fertilizer: (219) 356-8424, or Pat Hickner: (800) 672-4273.

Michigan Chapter: For informa-

tion, contact Rick Jurries, West Ottawa Public Schools: (616) 395-2364.

Minnesota Chapter: For information, contact Connie Rudolph: (651) 646-1679.

Midwest Chapter: For information, call the chapter hotline: (847) 622-3517.

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A new chapter is taking shape in the Kansas City, MO/KS area. For information, contact Trevor Vance: (816) 504-4271, John Cundiff: (816) 525-7600, Bill Tritt: (816) 941-4424, Jody Gill: (913) 681-4121, Gary Custis: (816) 468-6215, or Jay Sutton: (816) 795-8873.

Arizona Chapter: For information, contact Bill Murphy, City of Scottsdale Parks & Recreation Department: (602) 312-7954; or Kris Kircher, City of Chandler Parks & Recreation Department: (602) 786-2728.

Great Plains Chapter: For information, contact Mark Schimming, City of Wichita: (316) 337-9123.

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